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TRAVEL

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1. HAVING IN MIND LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY SHORT TIME AVAIL-
ABLE AND UNDEPENDABLE WEATHER (AS NOTED PARA. 5, MOSCOW
12758), WE ARE CONSIDERING FOLLOWING PROPOSALS FOR SITE
VISITS AND TRAVEL IN CONNECTION JOINT COMMISSION MEETING:

(A) VISITS IN MOSCOW AREA (PERHAPS ON FRIDAY, NOV. 30)
TO A FEW INSTITUTIONS THAT ARE RELATED TO PARTICULAR INTER-
ESTS OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS BUT THAT WOULD ALSO BE OF
INTEREST TO OTHERS. WE ARE THINKING SPECIFICALLY OF
CENTRAL SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF COMMUNICATIONS
(TSNIIS) INSTITUTE OF SPACE RESEARCH, INSTITUTE FOR HIGH
TEMPERATURES, AND LEBEDEV PHYSICS INSTITUTE. COMMISSION
MEMBERS MAY WISH TO SPLIT INTO SMALL GROUPS FOR SUCH
VISITS, AND SOME MAY PREFER TO SIGHTSEE PART OF FRIDAY OR
SATURDAY.

(B) VISIT TO SCIENCE CITY AT KRAZNAYA PAHKRA (PERHAPS
ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1,) BECAUSE WE EXPECT MOST US MEMBERS
WOULD HAVE GENERAL INTEREST IN TOURING HIGH-LEVEL SCIENTI-
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FIC COMMUNITY AS WELL AS PARTICULAR INTEREST IN VISITING

SUCH FACILITIES AS INSTITUTE OF SPECTROSCOPY, INSTITUTE OF GEOMAGNETISM, IONOSPHERE AND RADIOWAVE PROPAGATION (IZMIRAN), AND ATOMIC ENERGY INSTITUTE.

(C) TRAVEL TO LENINGRAD (PERHAPS BY PLANE OR TRAIN SATURDAY NIGHT OR PLANE SUNDAY MORNING) WITH SIGHTSEEING SUNDAY AND VISITS ON MONDAY TO FACILITIES SUCH AS ALL-UNION SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE OF METROLOGY, STATE OPTICAL INSTITUTE, AND ARCTIC/ANTARCTIC INSTITUTE.

(D) RETURN TO MOSCOW TUESDAY FOR WHATEVER ADDITIONAL VISITS POSSIBLE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE WEDNESDAY, OR PERHAPS REMAIN IN LENINGRAD FOR DEPARTURE FROM THERE.

2. WE HAVE CONSIDERED INCLUSION OF KIEV OR SOME OTHER POINT OF INTEREST, BUT ARE UNCERTAIN HOW TO JUDGE POTENTIAL RISK OF TRANSPORTATION COMPLICATIONS IN EVENT OF BAD WEATHER AND DO NOT WISH TO OVERTAX OR RUSH DELEGATION. ALSO DO NOT KNOW WHETHER SOVIET SIDE PLANS TO OFFER SPECIAL AIRCRAFT FOR DELEGATION (A) WAS PROVIDED FOR SOVIET DELEGATION VISIT LAST MARCH). WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON ADVISABILITY OF ANOTHER STOP.

3. US WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN WILL WISH TO CONSULT WITH THEIR COUNTERPARTS AND LIKELY VISIT FACILITIES RELATED TO THEIR INTERESTS WHILE IN MOSCOW. WE ANTICIPATE THAT SOME WILL TRAVEL WITH MAIN GROUP THEREAFTER, BUT OTHERS WISH TO TAKE OPPORTUNITY IF POSSIBLE TO VISIT OTHER FACILITIES. THUS, BALDESCHWIELER HOPES TO VISIT NOVOSIBIRSK (BORESKOV, SHILOV, SLINKO, ETC.) AND YEREVAN (ACADEMY INSTITUTE OF KINETICS), AUFENKAMP HAS WRITTEN RAMEYEV ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF TRAVELING TO TBILISI TO MEET DR. CHAVCHANIDZE OF CYBERNETICS INSTITUTE OF GEORGIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, BUTCHER WOULD LIKE TO VISIT SITE WHERE COLD WEATHER CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES ARE IN PROCESS AND ALSO SITE WHERE MODERN IRRIGATION PRACTICES CAN BE SEEN, AND HUMPHREY IS CONSIDERING ASKING FOR VISITS TO YEAST PLANTS AT KRASNODAR ON THE BLACK SEA AND NEAR KAZAN. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENT ON LIKELY REACTION TO SUCH REQUESTS
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FOR SEPARATE ITINERARIES.

4. IN CONSIDERING REQUESTS FOR VISITS BY BOTH COMMISSION MEMBERS AND WORKING GROUP CHAIRMEN, WE WISH TO UTILIZE OPPORTUNITY TO INCLUDE SOME FACILITIES TO WHICH US ACCESS HAS BEEN RESTRICTED- THIS IS ONE REASON WHY VISIT TO SCIENCE CITY AT KRAZNAYA PAHKRA APPEARS ATTRACTIVE. HOWEVER, WE DO NOT OF COURSE WISH TO OVERLOAD ITINERARY WITH

SUCH REQUESTS, STIMULATE DISTRUST, OR OTHERWISE DETRACT

FROM SPIRIT OF MEETING. THEREFORE REQUEST EMBASSY'S
CRITICAL VALUATION REGARDING ALL SPECIFIC SITE POSSIBILI-
TIES NOTED ABOVE, INCLUDING RECOMMENDATIONS ON: (A) ANY
ADDITIONS WHICH EMBASSY BELIEVES WOULD BE OF PARTICULAR
INTEREST OR WOULD SERVE TO HELP BALANCE REQUESTS, AND
(B) ANY DELETIONS BECAUSE OF PARTICULAR PROBLEMS OR
SENSITIVITIES.

5. WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY COMMENTS ASAP. RUSH

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